

## RURAL SCHOOLS SHOW PROGRESS

CASH PRIZES FOR YEAR ARE  
DISTRIBUTED.

Rivalry Was Keen—Improvement Association Reports Some Remarkable Achievements—Awards Are Made Public.

Rural schools to the number of 164, in 35 counties, have reported to the South Carolina School Improvement association achievements during the year in the direction of betterment, many of these accounts being accompanied by photographs contrasting conditions "before" and "after." The change from a one-teacher school house in a rough, box car like building, to the graded school in a modern, well equipped building seems a marvelous record for one year, yet more than 100 schools showed such progress.

Prizes for the year have been allotted by the executive committee of the association. Members present were: Miss Elizabeth Dickson, acting president, Columbia; Miss Mary Eva Hite, Batesburg; Miss Sadie Goggans, Columbia; Miss Will Lou Gray, Laurens; Miss Mamie McLees, Dillon; Miss Madeline Spigener, St. Matthews; Miss Ethel Dreher, Lexington; Miss Isadore Williams, Liberty; Mrs. Hugo S. Strickland, Walterboro.

First Prizes \$50 Each.  
First prizes of \$50 each were awarded to the following schools, each reporting a satisfactory status in buildings, equipment, taxation, compulsory education, enrollment and attendance, and each having besides an active school improvement association:

Betha, Aiken; Buffalo, Cherokee; Ruby, Chesterfield; Tabor, Colleton; Dathan, Dillon; Bell, Dorchester; Trinity, Florence; Travelers Rest, Greenville; Utopia, Greenwood; Three C's, Kershaw; Oakhurst, Lancaster; Oak Grove, Lexington; Eulonia, Marion; St. Phillips, Newberry; East Elizabeth, Orangeburg; Peters Creek, Pickens; Piedmont, Richland; Oswego, Sumter; Gault, Union; Coles, Williamsburg.

A second series of prizes was offered to the counties for improvement along stated lines. In this contest the points were so very close in some cases that the committee found it hard to reach a decision. Dillon, Darlington, Laurens and Kershaw had made splendid records. Each county employs a supervising teacher, who devotes her time to securing class room efficiency in the rural schools. Each county annually holds a field day; each county showed the celebration of clean-up day in each school, thus proving that the health of the pupils is considered. Compulsory school attendance has been secured by many districts in each county, and in each one special effort is going on to secure the adoption of a compulsory law. It is significant that in each county making a high record of improvement nearly every district has an active school improvement association. Night schools have been established to meet the problem of illiteracy. Agricultural instruction in rural schools, domestic science departments—these things show the efforts of the schools to educate all the children of all the people.

Prizes to Counties.  
Dillon was awarded a cash prize of \$100; Laurens a cash prize of \$50, Darlington and Kershaw \$25 each.

Among the most interesting applications were those for the local associations. These tell of the community interest in the school, of local taxation and compulsory education secured by the women of the association. Money needed for better equipment is raised in many ways. In one district an acre of potatoes was planted by the association, in another a bale of cotton secured, every form of entertainment was given. The four schools which showed such marked effect in school development were awarded cash prizes of \$25 each. These were: Kelleytown, Darlington; Minturn, Dillon; Wellford, Spartanburg; Monetta, Aiken.

Second Prizes Given.

Second prizes of \$25 each were awarded to the following schools:

Pinebluff, Aiken; Jackson, Aiken; Davis Branch, Barnwell; Patrick, Chesterfield; Strickland, Colleton; Ashtown, Colleton; Pond Hollow, Darlington; Bermuda, Dillon; Mars Bluff, Florence; Fairview, Greenwood; Andrews Chapel, Greenwood; Red Hill, Hampton; Nixville, Hampton; Oak Grove, Horry; Good Hope, Horry; Tarboro, Jasper; Antioch, Kershaw; Piedmont, Kershaw; Oakland, Kershaw; Halfway, Lexington; Mount Olive, Laurens; Eden, Laurens; Eden, Laurens; Blenheim, Marlboro; Bounty Land, Oconee; Fairfield, Oconee; New Providence, Orangeburg; Cherry Hill, Saluda; Fairview, Saluda; Salem, Sumter; Providence, Sumter; Boiling Springs, Spartanburg; North Paolet, Spartanburg; Oakland, Union; Tinkers Creek, Union; Cedar Hill, Union; Mulberry, Williamsburg; Blairsville, York; Brandon, York.



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A German dispatch says that approximately 37,000 men have been lost by the French and British in the Macedonian territory.

Every man knows some other man whom he would like to kick.

## PRESIDENT WILSON WEDS MRS. EDITH BOLLING GALT.

Simple Ceremony at Home of the Bride—Couple Departs for Hot Springs—Auto Carries New Married Pair Across River to Take Special Car.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married at 8:30 o'clock tonight and left afterwards to spend their honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va. The president and his bride traveled in a private car attached to a special train leaving here at 11:10 o'clock, which is due to arrive in Hot Springs tomorrow at 8:15 a. m.

At Hot Springs Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will live at the Homestead hotel until after New Year's day unless some development should necessitate the president's earlier return to the capital. Two of the White House automobiles have been sent on ahead and the couple expect to spend their honeymoon motoring, golfing and walking over the mountain trails. Beside the secret service guard, the party was accompanied by one stenographer. The president will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

Because the hour of the wedding was known to comparatively few people there was not a large crowd in the vicinity of the bride's home, although a large police guard had been provided.

All arrangements for the wedding ceremony were carried out perfectly, the president arriving at his bride's home soon after 8 o'clock and the remainder of the wedding party, which numbered less than 30, following soon after. The ceremony was begun, as had been arranged, at 8:30 o'clock and was followed by a buffet luncheon. Mrs. Wilson was married in the traveling gown she wore to the train.

Off for Hot Springs.  
Shortly after 10 o'clock the president and Mrs. Wilson entered a waiting White House automobile and motored to Alexandria, across the Potomac, to take their private car there and avoid a crowd at the railroad station in this city. They boarded their car there at 11:40 p. m. and began their journey to Hot Springs.

The success of the ruse by which the wedding party got away to Alexandria was complete. When the White House automobile pulled away from Mrs. Wilson's house lines of police blocked pursuit in all the adjoining streets. At the union station the presidential entrance was fully lighted and lines of police were spread all about. Those who were attracted to the station by the show of preparation were disappointed while the president and Mrs. Wilson were speeding to the station across the river ten miles away. After the president and his bride had departed Secretary Tumulty made this formal statement on the ceremony:

"The wedding was marked by simplicity. It was just such a wedding as might have taken place in the home of the humblest American citizen."

The president dined as usual at the White House at 7 o'clock with his daughters and afterwards drove to his bride's home, about a mile from the executive mansion. A cold, driving rain which swept the city all day cleared off at sunset. Near the bride's home the crowd was held back by police lines spread during the afternoon.

Everything was in readiness for the ceremony when the president arrived and it proceeded without delay. Neither the president nor Mrs. Galt had any attendants and there were no ushers or flower girls. The army, the navy and the diplomatic corps were not represented and the occasion was essentially what both of the couple had wished it to be—a home wedding.

## THRASHER'S GREAT HEALING FLUID

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Union, S. C., Dec. 8, 1914.

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Girls prefer mixed parties, but married women prefer a hen party. Milwaukee, Wis., newspapers have dropped the use of hyphens when using the words German-Americans.

## LOCKHART JUNCTION

Lockhart Junction, Dec. 20.—Yesterday was Sunday and it was a beautiful sunny day for the season and there were many who attended Sunday school at the Gault school house. This Sunday school was organized four years ago and it is a live Sunday school. Never has gone into winter quarters and I am glad to say since that Sunday school was organized there are men who lead in prayer that were never known to utter a word of prayer in public. There is a prayer meeting held there every Saturday night and there are young men and young ladies that can and are conducting that prayer meeting.

The patrons of the Gault school, as well as numerous other citizens of Union county, will be pleased to learn that the Improvement association in awarding its prizes for the schools throughout the State has given the Gault school of Union county a first prize of \$50.00. Our model Clemson blue print building with its modern equipment speaks for itself. This week our new piano will arrive and we expect to soon enclose our grounds with a hedge. Now, my dear people, don't be a knocker. Hide your little hammer, and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you may really know yourself to be. When a stranger drops in jolly him. Tell him this is the greatest community on earth. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors. There is no end of fun minding your own business. It makes other people like you. Nobody gets struck on a knocker.

Now before my letter is seep or read in the paper Christmas will be here.

I am thinking as I write this letter about the scenes and the many changes that every year brings forth.

The Bible teaches us that where your heart is there is your treasure. Where is your treasure then? Oh, there is many a treasure laid up on earth that will soon perish with the years as they go by, but there is a treasure we should lay up where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt nor thieves break through and steal. How much have we learned this year? How much good have we done? Have you ever asked your neighbor or friend to attend church or Sunday school? Let us all live to do some good deed or say some good word, so we may be missed when we are gone. Our friends are passing away. At New Hope cemetery there are six newly-made graves that have been put there in nine days. These are lessons to the living.

Mrs. Henry Sprouse, another good woman, has died since my last letter. Mrs. Sprouse is a woman that will be greatly missed from this community. She will be missed from her church, by her missionary society, also by the Rural School association, in which she worked faithfully. She was elected chairman of this association. But most of all, she will be missed in the home by the husband and dear children.

There are many passing away. We attended the funeral of Mr. Ellis Palmer, whom we forgot to mention in last letter. The preacher said he had been made glad when Mr. Palmer would enter his home. He said that the pleasing manner in which Mr. Palmer met him did him good. So you see our good works follow us and live after we are gone.

I thank the kind ladies of the Christian Endeavor Society of Mt. Tabor for their special invitation to be present at the commencement and box supper at the school house at that place on Saturday night, the 18th, but sorry to say it conflicted with another engagement I had before I received theirs, so I hope to get another one and will be able to meet with you all in the future. I will appreciate your invitation again and will be glad to come in the future.

I was at Elford Grove school house last Friday night for their box supper. Every one had a nice time. The teacher, Miss Gallman, took in \$18.00. This will go to buy a library for the school.

Also attended Fairforest school last Saturday evening. This school is taught by Miss Eargle of Graniteville, S. C.

There was a fine entertainment. The children all acted their part well. Mr. Santa Claus was present, which was the best fun for the occasion as he came dressed in his peculiar suit with many presents for the children and telling them he would return Christmas to bring them some more presents. Miss Eargle deserves much credit for training these children for these exercises.

We visited the home of Mr. C. L. Reeves of Jonesville township, where we enjoyed spending a pleasant time with his wife and family and Mr. Zack Reeves, his father. Mr. Reeves

is 70 years old, was a Confederate soldier. We appreciate the kind hospitality shown us while in their home.

Mr. M. E. Ivey and Mrs. Jeff Vaughn, Mrs. Carrie Garner, Miss Javits visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hames, all of Cherokee county, W. White Friday and Saturday.

Miss Bannie Garner of Cherokee county is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. R. L. White.

Miss Bell Kelly from Union is visiting her uncle, T. B. Kelly, in this community and will go to Kelton to see other relatives.

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## JONESVILLE

Jonesville, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Margaret Fowler died suddenly at her home near Jonesville yesterday morning with heart disease at the age of 82 years. Mrs. Fowler was the wife of Charles Fowler and the daughter of Mr. W. W. White, more familiarly known as Buck White. She had raised 13 children, all to manhood and womanhood except one, her baby boy, who died while a little boy, her children can all very truthfully call her blessed. Her husband preceded her several years ago. Shortly after Mrs. Fowler was married she moved with her husband to York county, where they lived about one year, when they returned and with this exception she has lived in less than two miles of where she was born. Her life was one of even temper, kind Christian love and friendship, being a member of the Methodist church for many years and a consistent Christian. The remains were interred at Gilead beside her husband Tuesday evening. Funeral service conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Justus.

Mr. J. W. Lipscomb is building a garage on Paolet and Forest streets near the monument, where he will keep automobiles and all fittings in stock and do all kinds of repair work on autos and motorcycles.

Prudence Lodge No. 139 A. F. M., at a regular communication Saturday night, elected, appointed and installed the following officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Dr. G. W. B. Smith, W. M.; James T. Hodge, S. W.; W. C. Edmonds, J. W.; C. M. McWhirter, treasurer; W. H. S. Harris, secretary; Charles M. Alexander, S. D.; L. N. Chandler, J. D.; Sam Aakinson and J. J. Whitlock, stewards; John S. Kendrick, tiler.

The graded school here closed last Friday for the holidays. The teachers went to their homes.

Mr. Mortimer Sams has resigned his position as clerk of Everybody's Bank and accepted a position with the Wallace Cotton Mill as bookkeeper, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Crosby.

Mr. J. R. Jeffries of Cherokee county fills the position of clerk of Everybody's Bank in Mr. Sams' place.

Mr. W. O. Southard is desperately ill and I am very poorly and fear that I will never be well again.

Wishing the editor and all the office force a happy Christmas I will close my short correspondence made so by sickness as I am much on the sick list this pretty day.

## FOREIGN SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

(Complaint Served)  
State of South Carolina,  
County of Fairfield.

Rufus H. Williams and Mary Williams, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
M. Roberson, Reuben Boulware, Andrew Boulware and William Shirley, Defendants.

To the Defendants, J. M. Robinson, Reuben Boulware, Andrew Boulware and William Shirley:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office at Union, S. C., Foster Building, rooms 12-15 (upstairs) within twenty days after the service hereof; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Wallace & Barron,  
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